

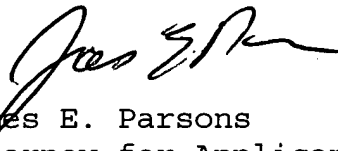
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment corrects minor errors in the specification. No new matter is added.

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Request to Amend Drawings and Submission of Formal Drawings.

Please telephone the undersigned at 408 451-5906 with any questions or comments, or to expedite prosecution of this case.

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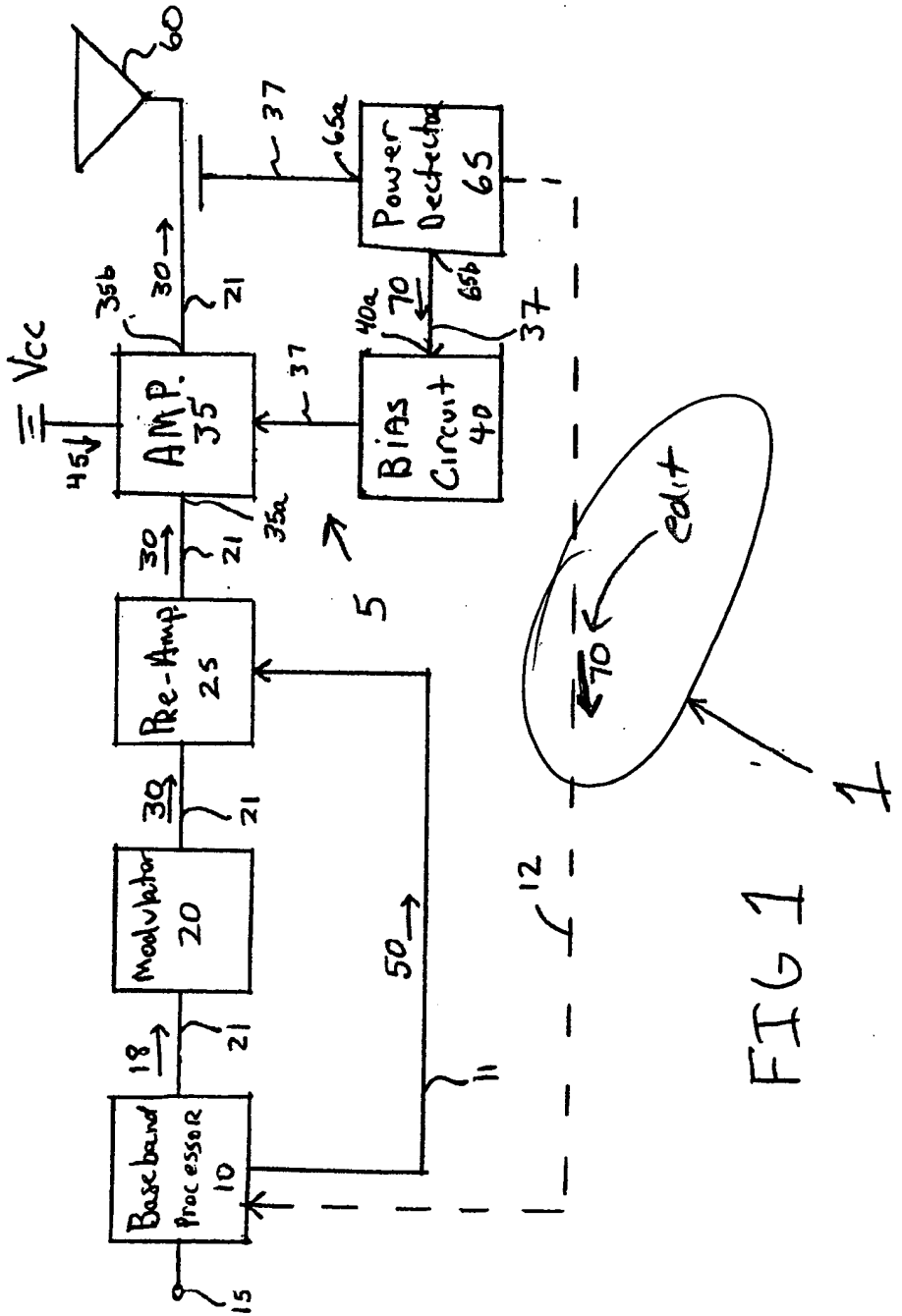


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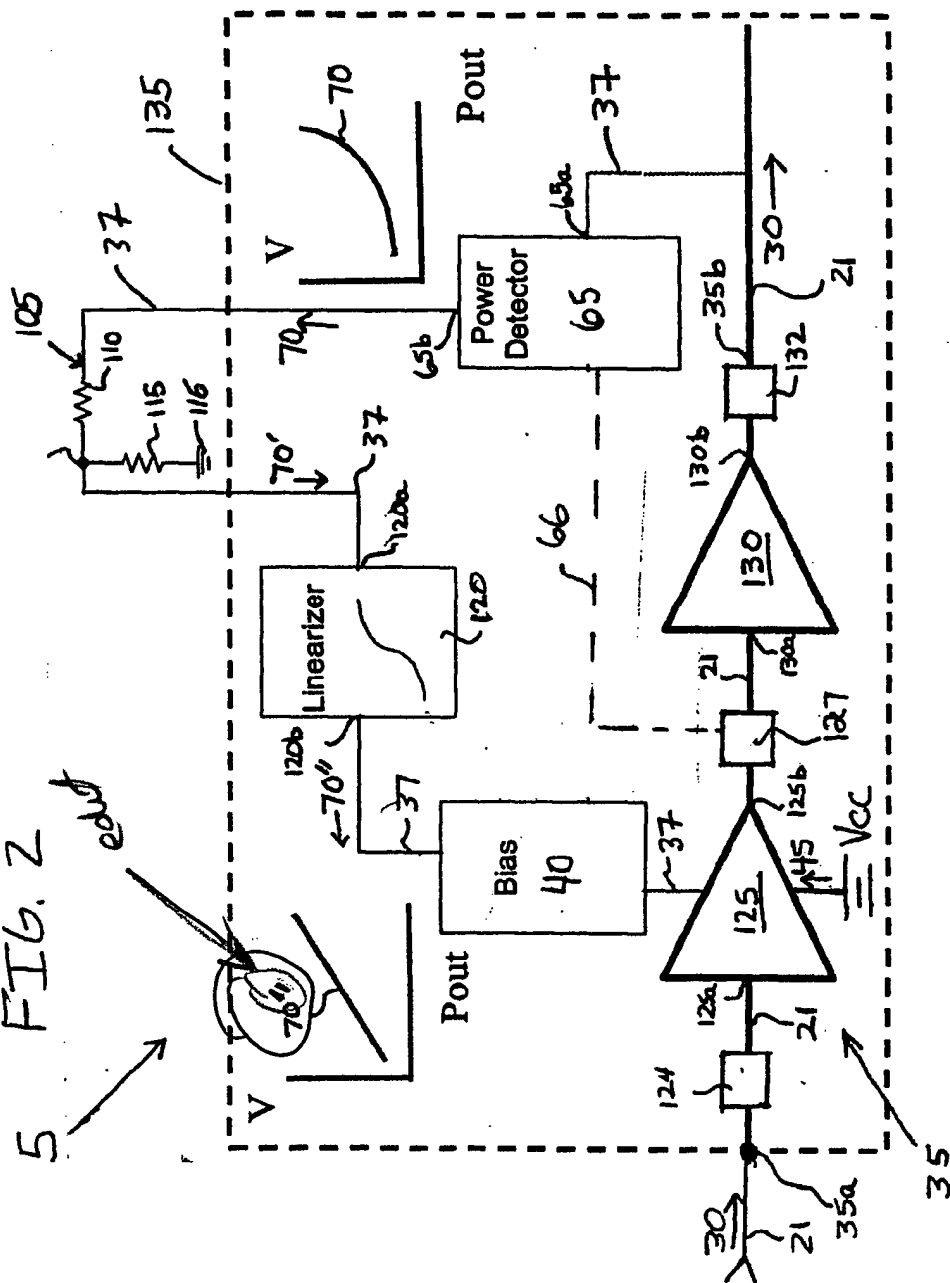


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